



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 20, 2022 Agenda Item 10

Work Session

Contract for Public Space and Private Property Tree Planting

Recommended Council Action

Approve the Ordinance on July 27.

Context with Key Issues

The City has historically contracted for tree planting in public space, establishment watering for trees in public space, and planting trees on private property through the Plant-a-Tree program. The Department recently advertised a new Request for Proposal to include public space tree planting and an expanded scope of work for tree planting on private property to include on-site consultation services. The City anticipates planting between 75 and 100 trees in public space, with a goal of providing 125 to 150 planted trees on private property annually.

The City advertised the RFP on June 21st, 2022 and the bid opening was on July 13th, 2022. The City received the following responses:

Company Name	Price per Public Space Tree	Price Per Private Property Tree
Casey Trees	\$325	\$325
Howard EcoWorks, Inc.	\$340	\$316
Prestige Landscape and Tree Care, LLC	\$924	\$724
The Davey Tree Expert Co.	\$585	\$725

The Department recommends award of a contract for these services to Casey Trees, as the responsive and responsible bidder.

The proposed contract will be for a two-year period with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All
Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Considerations

Trees and the City's tree canopy play an enormous role in providing benefits, including environmental, habitat and aesthetic. The Council Resolution formalized the City's desire to expand beyond the current focus on tree removal and protection permits to a broader approach recognizing shared community

responsibility and public value of trees and incorporate new strategies to address today's challenges to our urban forest.

Fiscal Considerations

In the FY23 budget included \$25,000 for public space tree planting and \$45,000 for private property tree planting.

Racial Equity Considerations

Targeted tree planting in public space in low-canopy areas of the City is an important activity for ensuring that the benefits tree canopy provides is equitably distributed. The new private property planting program associated with these services will provide no-cost tree plantings, removing a substantial financial barrier a resident may face.

Attachments and Links

Draft Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SPACE AND PRIVATE
PROPERTY TREE PLANTING**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City procurement procedures, the Public Works Department solicited price proposals for public space tree planting, establishment watering, private property tree planting, and private property consultation services; and

WHEREAS, Casey Trees has been determined to be the most responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requests permission to award a contract to said firm to provide said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager or their designee is authorized to enter into a contract with Casey Trees for tree planting and associated services.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this day of July, 2022.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: